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the Indian contingent for Commonwealth Games, 2010, an amount of about Rs. 300.00 crores has been projected.

(d) Government have approved project proposals of Sports Authority of India for an amount Rs. 1000 crores(+ 10%) for upgradation/creation of venue infrastructure; upgradation of tennis venue by All India Tennis Association at a cost of Rs. 30 crores (+ 15%) and expenditure budget of Organizing Committee on a revenue neutral basis of Rs. 767 crores (+15%) for 'Conduct of the Games'. The Expenditure Finance Committee has recommended the proposal of the Delhi Development Authority for Rs. 325.00 crores (+25%) for the international zone etc. in the Games village (which is being developed on Public Private Partnership Mode) and sports infrastructure. The Planning Commission has, in principle, approved a proposal of the Government of NCT of Delhi for the upgradation of civic infrastructure in the context of the Commonwealth Games, including sports venues for two events, for an amount of Rs. 770.00 crores; and approval of Rs. 110.00 crores to the Government of Maharashtra as Special Central Assistance towards sports infrastructure for Commonwealth Youth Games, 2008 to be held at Pune, which will be organised as a sub-event of the main Commonwealth Games, 2010. In addition, expenditure budget of Rs. 264.00 crores towards security arrangements is being examined by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Medals Won by Sportspersons in National Games

†*414. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of talented sportspersons of the country awarded with medals in the National Games held in Guwahati in February this year; and

(b) as per the sport policy of the State the number of persons from Haryana alongwith the number of medals won by them?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) A total of 1395 medals (425 Gold, 421 Silver & 549 Bronze) was awarded to individual sportspersons/team members of 32 sports disciplines during the National Games held in

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Guwahati during February, 2007. Of these, 80 medals (30 Gold; 22 Silver & 28 Bronze) were won in 13 sports disciplines by 153 players/teams members belonging to Haryana State.

Short supply of coal

415. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is short supply of coal and the coal mines are not able to meet the requirements of the power plants;

(b) if so, the demands received and the supplies made during each of the last two years to power plants;

(c) the reasons for the short supply, if any; and

(d) the measures taken to meet the demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) to (d) No, Sir. Coal companies have sufficient coal stock to meet the assessed demand of power plants. Off-take by power utilities from Coal India Limited sources during 2005-06 was as per the Annual Action Plan targets. However, offtake by power utilities from Coal India Limited .sources during 2006-07 was less than the Annual Action Plan target by about 4% on account of non-materialisation of demand, infrastructural bottlenecks, unloading constraints, transportation constraints and reluctance in building up normative level stocks by power plants at their end. Power utilities have imported only about 10 Million tonnes of coal during 2006-07 as against the target of 20 Million tonnes.

Sethusamudram project endangering link between India and Sri Lanka

†416. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY:
SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that existence of remains of Sri Ram Setu,

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